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SUBJECT: HEMO- CARIBBEAN

1. GORINSTEIN AND SHARLITT CALLED SUCCESSIVELY ON FINANCE SECRETARY FRANCISQUE AND COMMERCE SECRETARY FOURCAND MAY 15 TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR NEW CONTRACT. REVISED HEMO CARIBBEAN ARRANGEMENT WOULD INCLUDE CHANGE OF NAME (TO LIFE SERVICES OF HAITI), ESTABLISHMENT OF \$100,000 PER YEAR FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH IN HAITI (TO BE ADMINISTERED BY US FOUNDATION OR UNIVERSITY) AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISORY SERVICES.

2. WHILE CORDIAL AND INTERESTED IN RESEARCH ASPECT OF PROPOSAL (HE SUGGESTED HOWARD UNIVERSITY SPELL OUT ITS ROLE IN RESEARCH PROJECT), FRANCISQUE EMPHASIZED QTE IMAGE UNQTE PROBLEMS GOH WOULD HAVE WITH REOPENED PROJECT. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST FORCING ISSUE, SAYING HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER THAT DAY BUT DECISION WHEN IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HEMO CARIBBEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO RETURN TO HAITI WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THEM PRIVATELY THROUGH EMBASSY. HE IMPLIED TIME FRAME OF THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. (FYI. SHARLITT REPORTED FRANCISQUE SEEMED NERVOUS AND DEPRESSED, AND GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING INSECURE AND ISOLATED; FRANCISQUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTEDLY OPENLY CAST DOUBT ON WHETHER HE WOULD CONTINUE LONG IN CABINET. END FYI.)

3. INTERVIEW WITH FOURCAND ALSO WAS CORDIAL, BUT

COMMERCE SECRETARY CLEARLY WISHED TO AVOID ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING ANY DECISION, EXPLICITLY DEFERRING TO LEAD OF FRANCISQUE. FOURCAND, HOWEVER, ALSO PROMISED TO RAISE REVISED CONTRACT PROPOSAL WITH PRESIDENT.

4. COMMENT: GORINSTEIN AND SHARLITT WERE VOLUBLY DISAPPOINTED WITH LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THIS LATEST PROPOSAL AND ARE DEPARTING FOR US MAY 16. AS WE UNDERSTAND, THEY PLAN TO WAIT WHAT THEY TERM A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO SEE IF THERE WILL BE ANY POSITIVE REACTION AND, IF NOT, THEN TO ABANDON LOW KEY APPROACH FOR OTHER AVENUES. LATTER THEY SAY WOULD INCLUDE CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS AND WHATEVER LEGAL REMEDIES ARE AVAILABLE. SHARLITT PROMISED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY INFORMED ON THEIR PLANS.
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